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Jim:

The attached is the formal recommendation for establishment of an FBIS bureau in West Europe. The rationale for this was briefed to you and Evan during the summer, at the Annual Review, and at the October offsite. We have briefed D/OCR, C/CRES, and ExOff/EURA in the DI. The attached routing is recommended by [redacted] C/PCS/DO. I am told the IG Team inspecting FBIS will support this West Europe recommendation.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Operations  
Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: James V. Hirsch  
Acting Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Establishment of FBIS Bureau in West Europe

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. This recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

2. An important element of the ongoing FBIS Modernization Program is to provide communications satellite monitoring capability at selected FBIS bureaus. Experience since the completion of a technical study in 1982 confirms the increasing use of satellites for radio, facsimile, television, and teletype transmissions. The 1982 study, based on the then typical C-band communication satellite, concluded that effective monitoring in the European area could be accomplished from the bureaus in London and Cyprus. However, the recent and accelerating trend to K-band satellites and the commitment of a number of European countries to direct broadcast satellite transmission systems have invalidated the 1982 conclusion. A technical study completed this year concludes that FBIS must establish satellite monitoring capability in West Europe. This would be done in lieu of the major satellite monitoring facility originally projected in the budget for Cyprus.

3. Beyond technical considerations there are important operational gains to be realized from a bureau in Europe. While the cooperative arrangement with the BBC is and will continue to be satisfactory for coverage of East Europe and the Soviet Union, the same is not true for West Europe. The BBC has little interest in West Europe and lacks adequate language capability for this region. An FBIS bureau in Europe can overcome this deficiency while providing a backup to the BBC, which is habitually underfunded and whose personnel are unionized and subject to strike calls. Such a bureau will ensure expanded press, radio, and TV coverage. Finally, a presence in Europe will allow access to databases and cable communications systems which are expected to become increasingly important.

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4. This initiative, which diverts significant resources planned for Cyprus within the approved Modernization Program, is in response to rapidly changing communications technology. The solution of a central location in Europe should ensure effective monitoring through the remainder of this century. Technical considerations do not dictate precise bureau locations or even a specific country. It is felt that for political reasons the bureau should be located in a NATO country, with West Germany favored. A tenant arrangement on a U.S. military facility would seem to be a preferred course of action. We would operate as FBIS.

5. In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that you approve in principle an FBIS bureau in West Europe.

James V. Hirsch

Approval recommended:

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Deputy Director for Operations

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Date

The recommendation in paragraph 5 is ( ) APPROVED ( ) DISAPPROVED

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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